

Lesson 65

Definitions



1.	a cappella	ah kuh PEL luh	without accompaniment by an instrument
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> accompanied
	The girl had to sing acappella when her piano accompanist did not appear at the audition.		
	Derivatives >>		
2.	aberration	ab uh RAY shun	the act of straying from the right or usual course; deviation from truth
	Synonyms >>	wandering, deviation, divergence, abnormality, eccentricity	Antonym >> common occurrence
	This particular rule is an aberration of our usual standards.		
	Derivatives >>	aberrant, aberrance, aberrancy, aberrational	
3.	anecdote	AN ek dote	a short story of an interesting or amusing incident
	Synonyms >>	story, tale, narrative	Antonym >>
	A raconteur is a person who is very good at telling anecdotes.		
	Derivatives >>	anecdotal, anecdotal, anecdotic, anecdotal, anecdotalist, anecdotaly, anecdotaly	
4.	cherubic	chuh ROO bic	innocent, wholesome, angelic
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> fiendish
	The cherubic expression on the child's face concealed his guilt.		
	Derivatives >>	cherub, cherubs, cherubim, cherubically	
5.	coquette	ko KET	a woman who flirts with men without sincere affection
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> prude
	The young woman flirted coquettishly with the man.		
	Derivatives >>	coquetry, coquet, coquetted, coqueting, coquettish, coquettishly, coquettishness	
6.	cosmetology	koz muh TOL uh jee	use of cosmetics in treating the hair, skin, or nails
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	I am studying cosmetology so that I can get a job in a beauty salon.		
	Derivatives >>	cosmetologist, cosmetologies	
7.	despoil	deh SPOIL	to take possessions by force, to plunder
	Synonyms >>	devastate, pillage, ravage, sack, waste	Antonym >> to replenish
	Residents of occupied areas during a war are often despoiled.		
	Derivatives >>	despoiler, despoilment, despoliation	
8.	dulcet	DUL sit	pleasing to the ear, melodious, euphonious
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> harsh; cacophonous
	I was soothed by the dulcet tones of the violin.		
	Derivatives >>	dulcetly, dulcify	
9.	facile	FAS il	easy, achieved with little difficulty
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> difficult; complicated
	I cannot offer a facile solution to such a difficult problem.		
	Derivatives >>	facilely, facileness	
10.	fissure	FISH ur	a narrow opening produced by cleavage or separation of parts; cleft
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The men built a bridge across the fissure in the mountain.		
	Derivatives >>	fissured, fissuring, fissural, fissureless	
11.	flaunt	FLONT	to show off, to display ostentatiously
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to hide
	The woman was obviously trying to flaunt the new diamond ring on her finger.		
	Derivatives >>	flaunted, flaunting, flaunter, flauntingly, flaunty	

12.	fugitive	FYOO jeh tiv	a person who is elusive or hard to find, wandering
	Synonyms >>	ephemeral, evanescent, fleeting, transient, transitory	Antonym >> firmly established
	The criminal became a fugitive who spent his life running from the law.		
	Derivatives >>	fugitate, fugitation, fugitives, fugitively, fugitiveness, fugitivity	
13.	juncture	JUNGK chur	a point of joining
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> separation
	His new book emphasizes the importance of the juncture of poetry and music into a new art form.		
	Derivatives >>	junctural, junctional	
14.	malapropism	MAL eh prop iz um	a word that is used incorrectly in a ridiculous manner
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Archie Bunker is known for his malapropisms.		
	Derivatives >>	malapropos, malaprop, malapropian	
15.	metamorphosis	met uh MORE fuh	a complete change of form or structure; a complete change in appearance
	Synonyms >>	mutation, transmutation	Antonym >> stasis
	The metamorphosis of tadpoles into frogs is an amazing process.		
	Derivatives >>	metamorphous, metamorphic	
16.	modicum	MOD eh kum	limited quantity
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> abundance
	I insist on at least a modicum of decorum.		
	Derivatives >>	modicums	
17.	omniscience	om NISH uns	state of being all-knowing
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Only God has omniscience, although my husband thinks he has it.		
	Derivatives >>	omniscient, omniscieny, omnisciently	
18.	perdition	pur DISH un	eternal damnation, utter ruin
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> salvation
	The church warns against pursuing hedonistic and worldly things and risking eternal perdition.		
	Derivatives >>	perditions	
19.	postscript	POSTskript	a message appended at the end of a letter
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Sometimes a person will add information in a postscript when he forgets to include it in the letter.		
	Derivatives >>	postscripts	
20.	protean	PRO tee un	very versatile; capable of great change
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> stale; unchanging; limited in scope
	The protean actor was the backbone of the company as he was able to star in any production with ease.		
	Derivatives >>		
21.	repose	reh POSE	to lie or to be at rest; the state of being at rest; absence of movement
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> action; movement; activity
	When in repose, her little face looks remarkably calm.		
	Derivatives >>	reposal, reposed, reposing, reposedly, reposedness, reposeful, reposefully, reposefulness	
22.	slough	SLUF	to cast off
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to grasp; to hold tenaciously
	He sloughs off criticism like water off a duck's back.		
	Derivatives >>	sloughs, sloughy	
23.	sunder	SUN dur	to break or to force apart; to become parted or disunited
	Synonyms >>	separate, sever, divorce	Antonym >> to fuse
	The concerned parents attempted to sunder the girl's relationship with the violent young man.		
	Derivatives >>	sundered, sundering, sunders	
24.	titanic	tie TAN ik	massive, enormous in scope
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> puny
	Poverty is a titanic problem in the valley.		
	Derivatives >>	titan, titanian, titanically	
25.	wanton	WAHN tun	immoral, lewd
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> moral
	He had to drop out of the presidential race when his wanton behavior was exposed.		
	Derivatives >>	wantonly, wantonness	

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Matching Test



Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word.
Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

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|-------|----------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. a cappella | a. | wandering; deviation from truth |
| _____ | 2. aberration | b. | one who flirts without sincerity |
| _____ | 3. anecdote | c. | easy; achieved with little difficulty |
| _____ | 4. cherubic | d. | to show off; to display ostentatiously |
| _____ | 5. coquette | e. | use of cosmetics in treating hair, etc. |
| _____ | 6. cosmetology | f. | short story of an amusing incident |
| _____ | 7. despoil | g. | pleasing to the ear; melodious |
| _____ | 8. dulcet | h. | innocent appearing; wholesome |
| _____ | 9. facile | i. | to take possessions by force |
| _____ | 10. fissure | j. | a narrow opening; cleft |
| _____ | 11. flaunt | k. | an elusive person; hard to find |
| _____ | 12. fugitive | l. | without instrumental accompaniment |

Exercise B

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|-------|------------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. juncture | a. | state of being all-knowing |
| _____ | 2. malapropism | b. | message appended at the end of a letter |
| _____ | 3. metamorphosis | c. | to break or to force apart |
| _____ | 4. modicum | d. | complete change in appearance |
| _____ | 5. omniscience | e. | massive, enormous scope |
| _____ | 6. perdition | f. | to cast off |
| _____ | 7. postscript | g. | very versatile; capable of change |
| _____ | 8. protean | h. | eternal damnation; utter ruin |
| _____ | 9. repose | i. | a point of joining |
| _____ | 10. slough | j. | limited quantity |
| _____ | 11. sunder | k. | word used in ridiculous meaning |
| _____ | 12. titanic | l. | state of being at rest |
| _____ | 13. wanton | m. | immoral; lewd |

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Sentence Completion

a capella	aberration	anecdote	cherubic
coquette	cosmetology	despoiled	dulcet
facile	flaunt	fugitive	modicum

1. The _____ expression on the child's angelic face revealed to everyone her sweet nature.
2. The cookbook featured _____ recipes for children and beginning cooks.
3. The girl was aptly called a _____; she did, in fact, constantly flirt with men.
4. I despised the way the woman tried to show off all the time; she would _____ her wealth in front of everyone, wearing gaudy rings and ostentatious clothes just to prove how rich she was.
5. The absence of instrumental accompaniment did not lessen the quality of the performance; when the choir sang _____, it was beautiful.
6. The natural wilderness of the jungles was _____ by the ruinous introduction of slash and burn agriculture.
7. She found life as a _____ intolerable; she always seemed to be on the run, moving from place to place trying to escape the law.
8. There is no sweeter music to my ear than the _____ sound of the twelve-string guitar.
9. Although Sue is a student of _____, she has only a _____ of skill at applying her own makeup; hopefully her studies will give her considerably more knowledge.
10. The man entertained us with a cute _____ about his trip to the zoo; it was an amusing story he told us and was actually quite interesting.
11. The school was extremely strict and would not tolerate any _____ of the rules; a deviation from their normal procedures was grounds for dismissal.

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fissure	juncture	malapropism	metamorphosis	omniscience
perdition	postscript	protean	repose	slough
sundered	titanic	wanton		

12. He can _____ off criticism like water from a duck's back; I never saw anyone so impervious to abusive remarks.
13. The funniest _____ I ever heard from my child was when he called the tea strainer a "tea stringer."
14. The fortune teller offered to prove her _____ by telling us about ourselves; she claimed to know everything.
15. Many world religions do not believe in a place of _____; thus, they do not accept the idea of "burning in Hell."
16. The two railroad tracks joined at St. Louis, which was to be considered the _____ of the East and the West.
17. The C-137 cargo airplane, the largest in the world, is _____ in size.
18. The _____ at the bottom of the letter read "P.S. Don't forget to write."
19. The _____ actor was the most versatile of the entire troupe, capable of changing from one character to another in an instant's notice.
20. The Puritans considered Hester Prynne a _____ woman; they saw her as being immoral and lewd.
21. The force of the tidal wave _____ the boat from its anchor and broke it into pieces.
22. The butterfly undergoes a beautiful _____, changing from an inconspicuous caterpillar to a colorful insect with wings.
23. There was a serene expression on the child's face as she lay in _____, but when she was not lying at rest, she looked quite animated.
24. The _____ in the rock was larger than expected; we needed a bridge to cross the opening in the ground.